

REMARKS

Status of Prosecution

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action mailed by the Examiner on January 28, 2008 the Examiner rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), arguing that the claims are obvious over Published U.S. Patent Application 2003/0144929 to Wakamatsu published on July 31, 2003 ("Wakamatsu Application") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,274 to Jain, *et al.* issued on August 28, 2001 ("Jain Patent").

On August 20, 2008 Applicants filed a reply to the office action, and included replacement drawing sheets to convert approved but informal figures to formal figures.

On February 17, 2009 the Office mailed a second nonfinal office action conceding that Applicants had overcome the previous claim rejections, but advancing new rejections of claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), arguing that (1) the claims are obvious over Published U.S. Patent Application 2005/0086138 to Prange published April 21, 2005 ("Prange Application"), and (2) are obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the Prange Application in view of Published U.S. Patent Application 2002/0042715 to Kelley published April 11, 2002 ("Kelley Application").

This paper is in reply to the second nonfinal office action identified above ("Office Action").

In view of the arguments of Applicants in this paper, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of the pending claims, and issue a notice of allowance.

First Rejection under 35 U.S.C §103(a)

In paragraphs 3-4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), arguing that the claims are obvious over the Prange Application. The Prange Application is sometimes referred to in this paper as the Primary Reference.

35 U.S.C. §103 provides:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was

made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

In the Office Action the Examiner cites the Prange Application as the Primary Reference for the rejections of claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-13, 16, 18-21 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicant respectfully submits that the Prange Application is not a valid reference for the rejections of the Examiner for at least the following reasons:

A. The Primary Reference was filed as U.S. Application No. 10/500,593 on June 29, 2004. The Primary Reference claims priority to an earlier filed PCT application filed January 9, 2002.

B. The application under examination ("Application") was filed on July 31, 2003.

C. 35 U.S.C. §102(a) precludes a patent if the invention was "described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country before the invention...by applicant." As indicated in Exhibit A, the WIPO publication date for the Primary Reference was July 17, 2003. The Application under examination was filed July 31, 2003. Applicants enclose as Exhibits B1 and B2 declarations as provided in 37 CFR §1.131 and MPEP §715 confirming that prior to July 17, 2003 an invention disclosure was tendered to Qualcomm, thus establishing inventorship prior to the publication date of the Primary Reference.

D. The critical terms of 35 U.S.C. §102(c)(1) pose the question whether the Primary Reference is an [1] application for patent [2] published under section 122(b) [3] by another (inventive entity) [4] filed in the United States [5] before the invention by the applicant. The U.S. application corresponding to the Primary Reference was filed in the U.S. on June 29, 2004, a date well after the invention date of the invention disclosed in the Application under examination. Therefore, §102(c)(1) is inapplicable.

E. The critical terms of 35 U.S.C. §102(c)(2) includes as a predicate for that provision to be operative the granting of a patent. A patent has not been granted in connection with the primary reference: see Exhibit C. Therefore, §102(c)(2) also is inapplicable.

F. It follows, therefore, that the enclosed declaration confirming inventorship in connection with the application occurred before the PCT publication date of July 17, 2003 is dispositive of the Office Action because the examiner's obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C.

§103 cites the Primary Reference either standing alone (paragraphs 3-3 of the Office Action) or in view of the Primary Reference over the Kelley reference.

Second Rejection under 35 U.S.C §103(a)

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 4-5, 8, 14-15, 17, 22-23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), arguing that the claims are obvious over the Prange Application in view of the Kelley Application.

A. Because the Primary Reference fails as a valid reference, it follows that neither the Primary Reference nor the Auxiliary Reference, alone or in combination, provides a *prima facie* basis for rejection of the claims under examination.

B. Regarding rejection of dependent claims, if an independent claim is nonobvious under §103, then any claim depending therefrom is also nonobvious. See In re Fine, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections because all pending claims in the Application are patentable.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable.

Please charge any fees or overpayments that may be due with this response to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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(WO/2003/058940) SEPARATE INVOICING OF PRIVATE AND SERVICE-RELATED CONVERSATIONS ON MOBILE TELEPHONES

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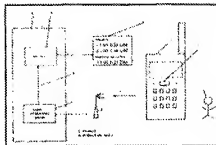
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Title: (EN) SEPARATE INVOICING OF PRIVATE AND SERVICE-RELATED CONVERSATIONS ON MOBILE TELEPHONES
(DE) GETRENNTE VERRECHNUNG VON PRIVAT- UND DIENSTGESPRÄCHEN BEI MOBILTELEFONEN

Abstract: (EN) According to the invention, ergonomic and efficient billing of service-related and private conversations can be achieved by a method for billing (8) a conversation (4) carried out by a user (1) of a mobile radio terminal (1) using said mobile radio terminal and a mobile radio network. The inventive method is characterised in that following an input (2) of the user (1) into the mobile radio terminal, indicating whether a conversation is to be billed as service-related or private, a message representing said input (2) is sent (4) to the mobile radio network (5).

(DE) Eine ergonomische und effiziente Gebührendurch dienlichen und privaten Gesprächen wird ermöglicht durch ein Verfahren zur Vergebührend (8) eines von einem Nutzer (1) eines Mobilfunkengerätes (2) über das Mobilfunkengerät und ein Mobilfunknetz (6) geführtes Gespräch (4) dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass auf eine vom Mobilfunkengerät (3) festgestellte Eingabe (2) des Nutzers (1) dahingehend, ob ein Gespräch (4) als dienstlich oder privat abzurechnen ist, eine diese Eingabe (2) repräsentierende Nachricht an das Mobilfunknetz (5) gesandt (4) wird.



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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

1. Thomas Doyle, declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application Serial Number.
2. Prior to at least July 17, 2003 I, along with my co inventor, conceived the apparatus and methods described and claimed in the claims pending in connection with the patent application; and that I proceeded with due diligence from prior to July 17, 2003 until the constructive reduction to practice of the invention by the filing of U.S. Application No. 10/633,143 on July 31, 2003.
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